

**Minutes for Meeting/Hearing of the Hays Trinity Groundwater Conservation District**

Date: Thursday, November 17, 2011  
Time: 6:00 pm  
Place: Dripping Springs City Hall  
Located: 511 Mercer Street, Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

**6:07 pm: Regular Meeting Opens**

**Board Present:** Jimmy Skipton-President, Greg Nesbitt-Vice President, Mark Key-Secretary/Treasurer, Joan Jernigan, & Ed Pope

**Staff Present:** Rick Broun-General Manager, Tressy Gumbert-Administrative Assistant, and Alex Broun-District Geologist, P.G. 4845

**The following subjects were considered for discussion and/or action at said meeting:**

- **Board Roll Call:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Roll Call was taken, a quorum was present
- **Review of Board Meeting Protocol:**  
Jimmy Skipton:
  - Explained meeting protocol to audience.
- **Consider approval of prior meeting Minutes:**  
Tressy Gumbert:
  - Jimmy Skipton and Mark Key approved and signed Meeting Minutes for October 20, 2011.
- **Monthly Financial Report & Budget to Actual Report:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Mark Key reviewed and signed off on the Financial and Budget to Actual reports.
- **General Manager's Report of Activities:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Staff has completed November's monitor run. Water level data has been updated on our website.
  - Listed the 10 Renewal Permits which expire on November 30, 2011. To better report on yearly production within the District, staff will be extending the mentioned permits to the end of December 2011.
  - All permit terms, as they come up for renewal, will be moved to a December 31st expiration date.
  - Meeting and Events attended by staff in the past month: The Texas Water Development Board Hearing concerning the DFC petition, Austin Geological Society tour, Dripping Springs City Hall Mayor and Council meeting, The Texas Water Development Board Groundwater Monitoring Section, and the Wimberley Valley Water Talks.
  - Resolution 20111004 – Change in Election Date and Terms, was submitted to the Department of Justice on October 25, 2011.
  - In October there were 7 Public Water Connections and 7 Well Registrations.
  - Year to date: 44 Public Water Connections and 92 Well Registrations.
  - Presented Drought Monitor Map
  - Reminded the Board if they attend any meetings, tours, events, or lectures concerning groundwater they need to inform staff.
  - The District encourages the use of rainwater collection systems and promote artificial recharge of the aquifer through such means as proper brush management and re-establishing deep rooted native grasses
- **Acknowledgment of Bank Reconciliations and Monthly Invoices:**  
Rick Broun:
  - Mark Key has reviewed and signed off on October 2011 bank statements and monthly invoices.
- **General Comments from Board & Staff:**  
Al Broun:
  - Approximately 60 people attended the field trip hosted by the Austin Geological Society on November 12, 2011.
  - The focus of the field trip was to tie outcrops into subsurface and apply that to aquifer management. Specifically looking at the lower Trinity in northern Hays County.
  - Presented a copy of "Guidebook 33 Austin Geological Society November 2011".
  - Each field trip member received a complimentary copy of the guide book.
  - The last section of the guide book is a repeat of the Atlas.
  - Additional guide books can be purchased through the Bureau of Economic Geology

Jimmy Skipton:

- Has received complaints about the City of Wimberley watering the grass at Blue Hole Park during a record drought.
- The City has used approximately 700,000 gallons of water for the purpose of watering grass at Blue Hole Park.
- Still researching issue and would like to add it to next month's meeting agenda.
- Recommends that the District order 5-10 copies of Guidebook 33 presented by Al Broun during General Comments from Board & Staff.

• **Public Comments: Non-Agenda Items**

The following presented: Andrew Backus complimented Al Broun and the Geologic Society on the geologic work that has been done. It is beneficial to GMA 9 as well as the District, and is the foundation for revisions to the Groundwater Availability Model in making it more specific to the District.

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**Agenda Items:**

Discuss and Possible Actions on:

**1. Item #8: Review video of Bob Currie's "Exploring the Trinity"**

Joan Jemigan

- Bob Currie volunteered to create video to help him meet the requirements to become a Master Naturalist.
- Recommends putting the video on the District's website.

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton

- Jim McMeans emailed video to multiple people on 11-14-11, prior to it being reviewed by the District Board.
- The video is excellent. Thanked Bob Currie for his work in producing the video.

Al Broun

- Bob Currie is a professional and did a great job creating the video.

**Public Comments:**

None provided

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**2. Item #1: Update on District Transportation**

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton

- Commissioner Conley notified the District that the county may have a vehicle available.
- Pleased that the Commissioner tried helping the District by providing the opportunity to purchase a vehicle from the county. However the vehicles available through the county are 96-97 models with 250k miles.

Rick Broun

- Would like to move forward in purchasing a newer vehicle that has a warranty.

**Public Comments:**

None provided

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**3. Item #2: Update on Rule Committee**

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton

- Rule Committee has met twice and is scheduled to meet again next Monday, November 21.
- Hopes to have rule revisions to present to the Board and public within the next 2-3 months.

Ed Pope

- The meetings have gone well.
- A process for reviewing the rules has been developed.

**Public Comments:**

None provided

**4. Item #3: Rule Committee Replacement Nomination**

- Joan Jemigan nominates John Dupnik, BSEACD

**Public Comments:**

None provided.

**Motion**

Joan Jemigan: Nominate John Dupnik to the Rule Committee.

Mark Key: Seconded motion

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Joan Jemigan, Greg Nesbitt and Ed Pope)

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**5. Item #4: Order to Adopt the New Redistricting Plan**

- Jimmy Skipton presented order to Board

**Public Comments:**

None provided.

**Motion**

Greg Nesbitt: To accept Order as read

Jimmy Skipton: Seconded motion

Vote: 5-0 in Favor (Jimmy Skipton, Mark Key, Joan Jemigan, Greg Nesbitt and Ed Pope)

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**6. Item #5: Update on lawsuit: Plaintiffs vs. HTGCD**

- Plaintiffs: Wimberley Valley Watershed Association (WVWA), Johanna L. Smith, H.K. Acord, Janet Acord, James R. McMeans and David Glenn

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton

- The plaintiff's legal team has submitted to the Judge, their response on the Motion to Abate.
- The District's lawyer has also responded to the Motion to Abate.
- The District as spent approximately \$11,000 on the lawsuit.
- During a Wimberley Water Talks meeting, David Baker stated "we should all get along and discuss this matter and stay out of court".

**Public Comments:**

None provided

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**7. Item #6: Update on GMA 9**

**Board & Staff:**

Jimmy Skipton

- There was a hearing yesterday, 11-16-2011 on Wimberley Valley Watershed Association's (WVWA) protest against the 30 foot DFC.
- Flying L also protested the 30 foot DFC in a hearing two weeks ago, saying it should be more than 30 foot.

Greg Nesbitt

- During yesterday's hearing WVWA provided a long detailed argument against the 30 foot DFC.
- Ron Fieseler addressed each of WVWA's concerns in his presentation.
- Texas Water Development Board should have their recommendations by the end of January 2012.
- A ruling should be made early to mid February.

Mark Key

- Permits for pumping large amounts of water from the Trinity Aquifer are getting approved by Edwards Aquifer Authority (EAA).

**Public Comments:**

8. Item #7: Update on Dripping Springs Water Supply Corp. (DSWSC) permit status

**Board & Staff**

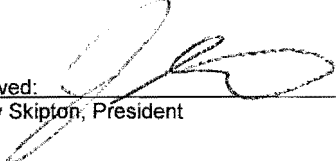
- Jimmy Skipton
- o Nothing has been done on the permit for DSWSC.
  - o Attended a DSWSC meeting a couple of weeks ago.

**Public Comments:**

The following presented: Ronald Kelly and Andrew Backus

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**7:11 p.m. Meeting Adjourned**

Approved:   
Jimmy Skipton, President

Date: 12-15-11, 2011

Approved:   
Mark Key, Secretary/Treasurer

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